

THE PEOPLE
WHO WALKED IN
DARKNESS HAVE SEEN
A GREAT LIGHT



Novena to
Our Lady of
Perpetual
Help

Rahan Parish
Fr. Michael 087-2900844
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th January 2026

Killina Sunday of The Word of God

Sun 25th: **10.30am** Reuben Kennedy Fr Seamus Duncian

Tues 27th: **7. 30pm** **Feast of St Angela Merici**

Thurs 29th: **7. 30pm** **Feast of St Vincent**

Sun 1st February: **10.30am** Joe and Margaret Keyes, Mary Buckley, 1st Anniv., Mary Marshall

The Island Sunday of The Word of God

Sat 24th: **6pm** Jim and Molly Minnock Clonshanny Hill also remembering their daughter

Pauline Flynn who died recently Fr Seamus Duncian

Sat 31st: **6pm**

Mucklagh Sunday of The Word of God

Sat 24th: **7.30pm** Elizabeth (Eileen) Daly 1st Anniversary

Sun 25th: **9.00am** Michael Carter Charleville Road

Sun 25th: **12noon** Intentions of Parishioners Fr Seamus Duncian

Mon 26th: **7.30pm** **Feast of Saints Timothy and Titus** Lists of the Dead

Tues 27th Mass at **9am** **Feast of St Angela Merici**

Wed 28th: **7.30pm** **Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas** Tony Claffey Anniv.

Thurs 29th: **9.00am** **Feast of St Vincent**

Fri 30th: **7.30pm** **Feast of Saint Aidan** Brigid Mahon , Terry and Rose Lambe Roscore

Sat 31st: **7.30pm** Bridie Brassil, Ballard 1st Anniversary

Sun 1st: **9.00am** Lists of the Dead

Sun 1st: **12noon** Intentions of Parishioners



**Plate Collection Killina €285 The Island €205
Development Fund Killina & The Island €261 Mucklagh €955
Mucklagh €500**

Pray for John-Joe Mullen, Sean Casey Killurin RIP

A Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held on the 4 Tuesdays of February 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th in Mucklagh church at 7.30pm with 4 visiting speakers. Lots of nice singing, prayers, readings and reflections. **The Theme of the Novena will be that of Healing, Hope, Seeds and Signs of New Life in our Parishes.**

Speaker on February 3rd will be Fr Joe Campbell Tullamore Theme Healing and Hope.

As it is the feast of Saint Blaise we will have blessing of Throats at the end of ceremony

Speaker on February 10th will be Fr Vincent Sherlock who is Parish Priest of Tubbercurry-Cloonacool Parish in Co. Sligo and is a regular contributor to the Irish Catholic Newspaper

Speaker on February 17th will be Noeleen Lynam a member of the Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Synodal Team and the Diocesan committee for liturgical Formation

Speaker on February 24th is Fr Paddy Byrne who frequently uses the metaphor of sowing seeds to discuss faith, new life, and the potential for positive outcomes even in times of adversity.

We hope you will find time to join us in this special event and that our Parish Community and families will be all the more enriched for celebrating and sharing in this Parish Novena. **Petition**

Prayer Cards available at church doors and can be returned to boxes in any of our churches

Mucklagh Rahan and The Island Community Annual Senior Citizens Party will take place in Mucklagh Community Center on **Sunday 15th February at 2pm** It is Valentines weekend. Please join us for what is always a great community. and social event with lively music good food and dancing with neighbours and friends. For catering purposes we need to know who will be attending so if coming please contact Mucklagh Community Center at 085 2313304



Shamrock's Lotto 3, 13, 22, 1 **Mucklagh Community Lotto:** 8, 10, 14, 31

Rahan Hall A.G.M on Tuesday 27th January at 8.30pm . Can a representative of each group who use the hall please attend

Rahan Hall Appreciation Night in The Thatch on Saturday 31st January at 8.30pm for all who give of their time in any way with activities throughout the year. Refreshments served. For catering purposes if attending contact Jim at 086 3790448

Sunday of the Word of God to be Celebrated on this Sunday with the motto:

"The word of Christ dwells among you" (Col 3:16). Observed each year this day invites the faithful to reflect on, celebrate, and share the Word of God in their daily lives. The celebration emphasizes the essential connection between the Risen Lord, Christian communities, and Sacred Scripture. The Pope calls on all believers to make the Word of God a living presence in their hearts, guiding their actions and inspiring their witness. "Saint Paul's words to the Colossians, 'The word of Christ dwells among you', invite us not only to listen to the Word but to let it dwell within us. The Word shapes our thoughts, guides our desires, and unites the Christian community. To welcome it is to allow Christ to speak through our lives, bringing hope and life to those around us." This year, the celebration also coincides with the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, marking the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Just as the Word transformed Paul on the road to Damascus, it continues to call Christians today to open their hearts and share the Gospel with the world. Sunday of the Word of God is a reminder that Scripture is not just to be read or studied, it is to live within us, bearing fruit in our lives and communities

Todays Gospel The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light If the people who walk in darkness in today's world are going to see a great light it is going to be through us as followers of the Lord. Today Jesus is asking each of us as child or adult to let our light shine by proclaiming the Good News, by learning and touching what Jesus first taught, and by participating in the healing of our much troubled world. Today we pray that we will let our light so shine before others so that, they seeing our good works they may give glory and praise to Our Father in heaven. There are still too many in our world living in darkness and without hope. Too many are being consumed by the bad and sad news constantly being proclaimed. And it is our vocation to show them the light. To let our good works — our lives, our love for Jesus—so shine that they may see and be brought into the light that came into the world through the life of Jesus. Today as we conclude Catholic Schools week let us give thanks for all parents, God parents, grandparents, teachers, priests and friends who brought us into the light of Christ. And today let us resolve once again to let our light shine before others now and always Amen

Thanksgiving to Our Mother of Perpetual Help With grateful hearts we join you, in thanking God for all the wonderful things He has done for us, especially for giving us Jesus your Son, as our Redeemer. O God, our Creator, we thank you for the gift of life and all the gifts of nature; our senses, our faculties, our talents and our abilities. We thank you for creating us in your image and likeness and for giving us this earth to use and develop, to respect and cherish. Despite our failures, you continue to show your love for us today by increasing the life of your Spirit within us at the Eucharistic table. Finally we thank you loving Father, for giving us Mary, the Mother of your Son, to be our Mother of Perpetual Help. We are grateful for all the favours we have received through her intercession. We pray that those favours may inspire us to greater confidence in your loving mercy & to seek the aid of our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Feast of Saint Brigid is celebrated next Sunday 1st February with the Blessing of Saint Brigid crosses at all masses. All donations of crosses welcome from those who know how to make them.

